

# St. Patrick's festival

13TH-17TH MARCH



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MUSIC



ST.PATRICK'S FESTIVAL '08

OPENING CEREMONY

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

FREE EVENT

Lord Mayor Councillor Paddy Bourke will officially open the 2008 Festival in a special ceremony. Please check [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie) for updates.

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL 7.00PM

TICKETS FROM €24/ €18.50 CONC.  
TEL. 01 872 1122 VISIT [WWW.CTB.IE](http://WWW.CTB.IE)

An intimate evening of Choral music in the stunning surroundings of one of Ireland's most revered mediaeval cathedrals.

COMEDY/FILM



COMEDY CIRCUS

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

TRIPOD 8.00PM

TICKETS €25 (INCLUDING BOOKING FEE)  
VISIT [WWW.TRIPOD.IE](http://WWW.TRIPOD.IE)

Dave McSavage hosts this unique comic gathering and will be joined by special guests Joe Rooney, Pat McDonnell and John Colleary.

FILM AT THE FESTIVAL

CINEMAS, PARNELL ST. 7.00PM

FREE TICKETED EVENT VISIT [WWW.FILMBASE.IE](http://WWW.FILMBASE.IE)  
Special free screening of the Oscar nominated Irish feature Once followed by a post-show talk with the filmmakers.

FAMILY SPECTACLE



PEARL AT DOCKLANDS

14TH & 15TH MARCH

GEORGE'S DOCK, IFSC 7.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DOCKLANDS AUTHORITY & 98FM

FREE TICKETED EVENT - PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

St. Patrick's Festival and Docklands Authority presents the Irish premiere of Pearl by the world renowned street theatre company Plasticsiens Volants (France). This is an outdoor spectacle for a family audience. Giant inflated puppets will take over the dramatic surroundings of George's Dock to tell this enchanting story. An extraordinary aerial aquarium on a city scale which is not to be missed.

TEAM FUN DAY



DENNY TREASURE HUNT

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

REGISTRATION: 10.00AM-1.00PM CITY HALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY AND Q102

FREE TEAM EVENT PRE-REGISTRATION AT  
[WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

The Denny Treasure Hunt is a fun-filled free event for all ages, providing a unique opportunity to explore and rediscover the city of Dublin. Participants can investigate hidden haunts and gain free entry to prestigious cultural centres. Get out your mermaid, pirate and underwater themed costumes and compete for spot prizes along the way. The swiftest, smartest and sassiest swashbucklers are in with a chance to win.

SKYFEST



NATIONAL LOTTERY SKYFEST AT CASHEL

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

ROCK OF CASHEL 6.30PM-8.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL LOTTERY AND 2FM

VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

Skyfest at Cashel: In association with The National Lottery and St. Patrick's Festival will be a truly spectacular event on the site of the iconic Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary. This spectacular pyrotechnic, lighting, and musical gathering is designed to celebrate the spirit of The St. Patrick's Festival and the work of The National Lottery, at the majestic backdrop of the Rock of Cashel.

FAMILY FUN DAY



DENNY BIG DAY OUT

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

MERRION SQUARE 12 NOON-6.00PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DENNY AND FM104

FREE EVENT  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

Bring the whole family to the heart of Georgian Dublin for one of the festival's most popular events. Merrion Square will be transformed into an oversized playground for adults and kids. Check out the Family Fun Zone, Art Pod, Storytelling Buses, Cultural Zone, Street and Urban zone with skaters and international hip hop. The Fanfare Zone presents international street performance and European street bands. Lots to do from tots to teens and it's all for free!

PARADE



ST.PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

CITY CENTRE

STARTING AT PARNELL SQ. NORTH AT 12 NOON

GRANDSTAND SEATS €60 - AVAILABLE ON-LINE  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

With the 2008 Parade embracing the theme of 'Energy', this parade promises to be the most memorable St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world! For over two hours you will be entertained by a breathtaking display of creative talent as the Parade weaves through the city centre. Irish street theatre companies, ceremonial groups and international marching bands will create an exciting carnival atmosphere.

CULTÚR & CRAIC



ARTS COUNCIL CÉILÍ MÓR

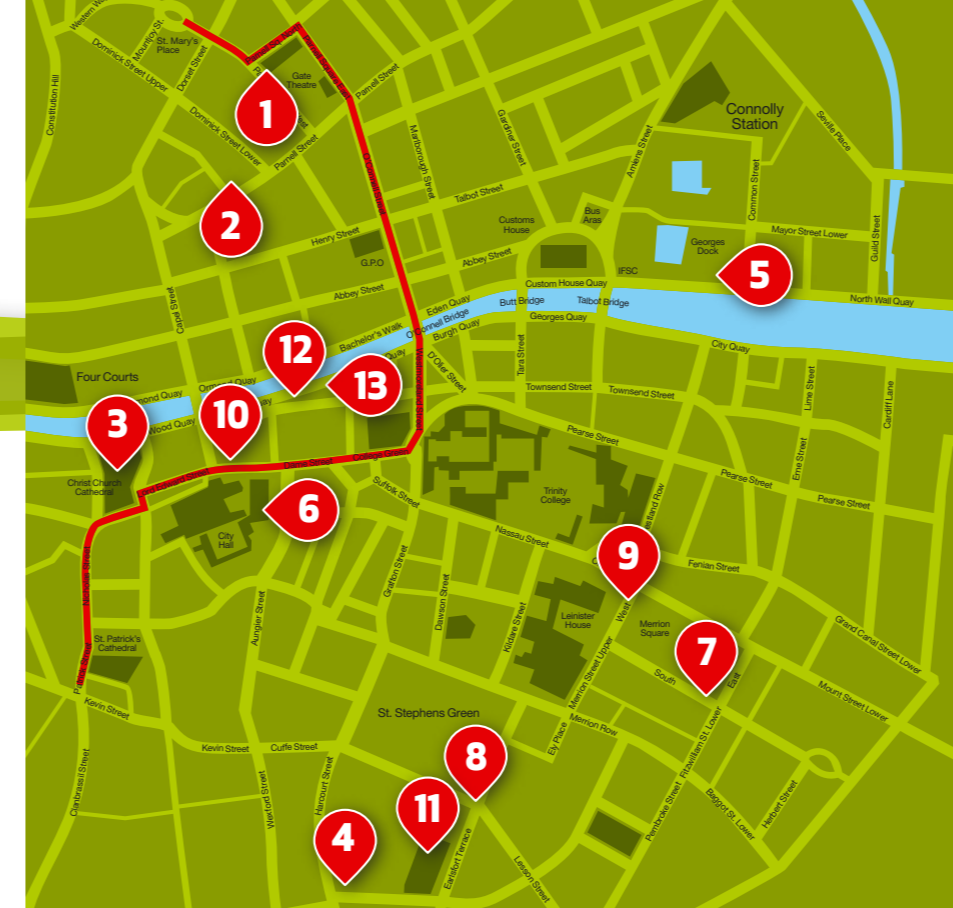
MONDAY 17TH MARCH

EARLSFORT TERRACE 2.30PM-5.30PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH TODAY FM

FREE EVENT  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

Thousands of people will be kicking up their feet to the infectious sound of the Matt Cunningham Céilí Band playing with Seamus Begley. They will be joined by the sean-nós dancers Chlann Uí Chuinneagáin (The Cunningham family) from Galway. Dáithí Ó Sé will be MC / Fear a'Tí for the day at this, the liveliest outdoor Irish music and dance event in the world. Bainnigi taitneamh as ceol agus coisir ag an gCéilí mór!



# FESTIVAL FUNFAIR

14TH - 17TH MARCH

MERRION SQUARE  
FREE ENTRY & RIDE TICKETS FROM €2  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)  
Ever-popular, the festival funfair returns: chills, thrills and near-spills guaranteed!

For more event details, maps and ticket information see [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie)  
Get your free Official Festival Programme with the Irish Independent on Monday March 10th.

St. Patrick's Festival is supported by:  
Fáilte Ireland  
Dublin City Council  
The Arts Council

# MUSIC AT THE FESTIVAL

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

**KILA IN CONCERT**  
THE OLYMPIA THEATRE 7.30PM  
TICKETS FROM €36 - €38  
VISIT [WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE](http://WWW.TICKETMASTER.IE)  
One of Ireland's most innovative bands, their line-up fuses Traditional Irish with World music influences.

**MARY BLACK: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**  
THE NATIONAL CONCERT HALL 8.00PM  
TICKETS FROM €20 - €45 TO BOOK  
CALL 01 417 0000 OR VISIT [WWW.NCH.IE](http://WWW.NCH.IE)  
An intimate musical gathering with one of Ireland's most celebrated artists.

# BABY RAVE

**14TH - 16TH MARCH**  
SS MICHAEL & JOHN, TEMPLE BAR  
TICKETS €8.50 TEL. 01 872 1122  
VISIT [WWW.CTB.IE](http://WWW.CTB.IE) VARIOUS TIMES SEE [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

Baby Rave, the music and dance sensation for babies comes to Dublin. The Venue, SS Michael and John will be transformed to provide an ambient setting, complete with DJ, lighting, projections and sensory floor coverings. Dance facilitators will also be on hand to assist parents and children in an exploration of movement and rhythm. This is guaranteed to be a fun interactive experience for babies and parents alike. Don't miss the opportunity to see your baby raving!! Age 0 - 4.

# GAELSPRAOI

**13TH - 17TH MARCH/MÁRTA**  
DUBLIN CITY CENTRE  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORAS NA GAEILGE  
TICKETED, PAID AND FREE EVENTS  
VISIT [WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE](http://WWW.STPATRICKSFESTIVAL.IE)

GaelSpraoi is an exciting series of events available through-out the festival promoting the use of the Irish language amongst visitors and residents in fun and novel settings. Participants will follow an informal itinerary of workshops, tours, gigs, and film suitable for all ages. All levels of language competency welcome! Ceol, craic agus eachtra! eagsula as Gaeilge! Full programme details on [www.stpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie)

# KEY EVENT LOCATIONS

1. Festival Parade Route (start point)
2. Film at the Festival At Cineworld
3. Christ Church Cathedral Concert
4. St. Patrick's Festival Comedy Circus At Tripod
5. Pearl at George's Dock
6. Denny Treasure Hunt - Start at City Hall
7. Denny Big Day Out - Merrion Square
8. Céilí Mór - Earlsfort Terrace
9. Festival Funfair
10. Kila at The Olympia
11. Mary Black at The National Concert Hall
12. Baby Rave SS Michael & John, Temple Bar
13. GaelSpraoi



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